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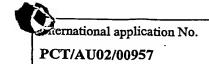
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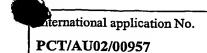
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference SHW:FP16389			FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416).					
International Application No.			International Filing Dat (day/month/year)	re e	Priority Date (day/month/year)				
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.									
2. This	REPOR	T consists of a total of 5	sheets, including this co	over sheet.					
	This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).								
·	These	annexes consist of a total o	of sheet(s).						
3. This i	3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:								
I	X	Basis of the report			·				
n		Priority							
ш		Non-establishment of opi	inion with regard to nove	lty, inventive step a	nd industrial applicability				
IV	X	Lack of unity of invention	n	·					
v	X	Reasoned statement unde citations and explanation	er Article 35(2) with regards supporting such statements	rd to novelty, inventent	tive step or industrial applicability;				
VI		Certain documents cited							
VII		Certain defects in the inte	rnational application	•	·				
VIII	X	Certain observations on t	he international application	on					
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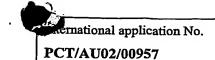




I.	Basis of the report					
1.	With regard to the elements of the international application:*					
	x the international applic	cation as originally filed.				
	the description, page	es , as originally filed,				
	page	es , filed with the demand,				
		es, received on with the letter of				
	the claims, page	es , as originally filed,				
		es , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,				
		es, filed with the demand,				
		es, received on with the letter of				
	the drawings, page					
		es , filed with the demand,				
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2.	which the international appli-	, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in cation was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.				
	These elements were available	le or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:				
		the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).				
		ation of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).				
	the language of the transand/or 55.3).	nslation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2				
3.	With regard to any nucleotid	e and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international are carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:				
		ational application in written form.				
		filed together with the international application in computer readable form.				
		furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.				
	=	subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the				
	international applicatio	n as filed has been furnished.				
	been furnished	information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has				
4.	The amendments have:	resulted in the cancellation of:				
	the description	ı, pages				
	the claims,	Nos.				
	the drawings,	sheets/fig.				
5. —	This report has been est go beyond the disclosur	tablished as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to re as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**				
1	Replacement sheets which hav report as "originally filed" an	we been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this d are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).				
*		ning such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report				



IV.		Lack of unity of invention
1.	In re	esponse to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:
		restricted the claims.
		paid additional fees.
		paid additional fees under protest.
		neither restricted nor paid additional fees.
2.	X	This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3.	This	Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
		complied with.
	X	not complied with for the following reasons:
		There appears to be 5 inventions claimed.
		1. Claims 1 to 53 are all directed to a body drier having a housing including an air chamber a narrow outlet, heating means and an air blower.
		2. Claims 54 to 56 and 65 to 71 define a method of forming a heating element utilising a coiled heating element and first and second cards having profiled edges.
		3. Claims 57 to 59 are directed to a light conductor and detector for the control of a body drier.
		4. Claims 60 and 61 are directed to a fan assembly with at least one pair of air flow control wings.
		5. Claims 62 to 64 disclose a fan assembly with at least one pair of air flow control wings.
		As the search was restricted to claims 1 to 53 no meaningful examination could be made on claims 54 to 64.
l. (Conse	equently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:
	ſ	all parts.
	[X the parts relating to claims Nos. 1 to 53.



V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations
	and explanations supporting such statement

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1. Statement					
Novelty (N) Clair	ms 6 to 9, 11 to 53.	YES			
Clair	ns 1 to 5, 10.	NO			
Inventive step (IS) Clair	ns 11 to 27, 29 to 53.	YES			
Clair	ns 1 to 10, 28.	NO			
Industrial applicability (IA) Clair	ns 1 to 53.	YES			
Clair	ns ·	NO .			

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty (N) Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.

The following citations disclose all the features of the claims identified alongside:-

WO 90/01287A, WO 91/07900A, DE 19635680A

Claims 1,4,5,10.

JP 2001046277A, GB2020970A, GB2140295A, GB2146522A

Claims 1 to 4.

Further, the explicit teaching of each citation is to employ each device as presently claimed.

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1 to 10 and 28.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 as above.

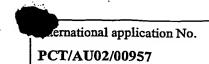
The features added by claims 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 are considered minor improvements and hence are obvious or do not involve an inventive step.

Further claims 1 and 28 are considered not to involve an inventive step in the light of De 19824764.

Industrial Applicability (IA) Claims 1 to 53.

All claims are considered to be industrially applicable.

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 28 is not clear with regard to "the housing element" (line 20) which it has no antecedent it would appear that heating element is meant.